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HOUSE BILL 2390

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 35-902, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 35-902, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT; AMENDING SECTION 35-904, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 35-904, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT; AMENDING SECTION 35-905, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 35-905, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT; RELATING TO PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDING.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 35-902, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

35-902. Allocation

- A. Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the total amount of the state ceiling is allocated among projects pursuant to this section. The director shall issue confirmations on a first come, first served basis, within any particular category of projects as described in subsection C, D, E, or F OR G of this section.
- B. Fifteen TEN per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to projects that are designated at the sole discretion of the director.
- C. Thirty-five per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to qualified mortgage revenue bonds and qualified mortgage credit certificate programs, excluding any such bonds and certificate programs for home improvement and rehabilitation.
- D. TEN PER CENT OF THE STATE CEILING IS ALLOCATED TO QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, THIRTY PER CENT OF WHICH SHALL BE FOR RURAL RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.
- D. E. Twenty per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to qualified student loan projects.
- £. F. Fifteen per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to manufacturing projects.
- F. G. Fifteen TEN per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to all projects financable through issuance of bonds that require an allocation of state ceiling and that are not described and provided for in subsections C, D, and E AND F of this section. Such projects include, but are not limited to, qualified mortgage revenue bonds and qualified mortgage credit certificate programs for home improvement and rehabilitation.
- G. H. A request shall not be filed and a confirmation shall not be issued to a project unless the project is subject to section 146 of the code. No project is deemed to have been allocated any portion of the state ceiling unless, in connection with the project, the provisions of this chapter have been substantially complied with.
- H. I. Any request on file with the department for which a confirmation has not been issued by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, other than a request for an allocation pursuant to subsection B of this section, is deemed to have expired at 5:00 p.m. on June 30. All or any part of any confirmation for which bonds have not been issued or for which a qualified mortgage credit certificate program has not been established by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, evidenced by the filing of a certificate of closing with the department, or for which confirmations have not been extended pursuant to section 35-910, is deemed to have expired.
- $rac{1.}{1.}$ J. At any given time, an issuer, or an issuer together with one or more other issuers, may not file with the department more than one request for each project. Nothing in this subsection prohibits an issuer

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from refiling a request for a given project if a prior request has expired or filing a request for each separate and distinct project.

- $\mathfrak{J}.$ K. An issuer may not transfer or assign its rights to an allocation of state ceiling from one project to another project or from itself to another issuer.
- Sec. 2. Section 35-902, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of this act, is amended to read:

35-902. Allocation

- A. Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the total amount of the state ceiling is allocated among projects pursuant to this section. The director shall issue confirmations on a first come, first served basis, within any particular category of projects as described in subsection C, D, E, OR F or G of this section.
- B. Tem FIFTEEN per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to projects that are designated at the sole discretion of the director.
- C. Thirty-five per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to qualified mortgage revenue bonds and qualified mortgage credit certificate programs, excluding any such bonds and certificate programs for home improvement and rehabilitation.
- D. Ten per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to qualified residential rental projects as described in the united states internal revenue code of 1986, thirty per cent of which shall be for rural residential rental projects for a period of at least one hundred eighty days.
- $\pmb{\epsilon}$. D. Twenty per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to qualified student loan projects.
- f. E. Fifteen per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to manufacturing projects.
- G. F. Tem FIFTEEN per cent of the state ceiling is allocated to all projects financable through issuance of bonds that require an allocation of state ceiling and that are not described and provided for in subsections C, D, AND E and f of this section. Such projects include, but are not limited to, qualified mortgage revenue bonds and qualified mortgage credit certificate programs for home improvement and rehabilitation.
- H. G. A request shall not be filed and a confirmation shall not be issued to a project unless the project is subject to section 146 of the code. No project is deemed to have been allocated any portion of the state ceiling unless, in connection with the project, the provisions of this chapter have been substantially complied with.
- I. H. Any request on file with the department for which a confirmation has not been issued by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, other than a request for an allocation pursuant to subsection B of this section, is deemed to have expired at 5:00 p.m. on June 30. All or any part of any confirmation for which bonds have not been issued or for which a qualified mortgage credit certificate program has not been established by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, evidenced by the filing of a certificate of closing with the department, or

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for which confirmations have not been extended pursuant to section 35-910, is deemed to have expired.

- J. I. At any given time, an issuer, or an issuer together with one or more other issuers, may not file with the department more than one request for each project. Nothing in this subsection prohibits an issuer from refiling a request for a given project if a prior request has expired or filing a request for each separate and distinct project.
- κ . J. An issuer may not transfer or assign its rights to an allocation of state ceiling from one project to another project or from itself to another issuer.
 - Sec. 3. Section 35-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 35-904. Obtaining and issuing confirmations
- A. Subject to section 35-905, a confirmation allocating a portion of the state ceiling to a project must be obtained before the sale or issuance of bonds or mortgage credit certificates by the issuer. A confirmation may be obtained by filing with the department a request and filing with the department evidence of an inducement resolution or other official action taken by the issuer in connection with the project. Requests filed by mail are deemed to be filed with the department at 5:00 p.m. on the day the request is actually received at the department. All requests received on the same date and at the same time shall be dated and numbered by lot and confirmations to those requests shall be issued in the order determined by lot.
- B. On and after the first business day of each year, a request may be prepared and filed by the issuer or on behalf of the issuer by bond counsel or any other interested person.
- C. Except as provided in section 35-902, subsection H— I, section 35-909 and subsection D of this section, a confirmation issued before 5:00 p.m. on June 30 expires and no allocation is deemed to be made unless the applicable bonds have been issued or a qualified mortgage credit certificate program has been established and a certificate of closing has been actually filed, not merely postmarked, with the department no later than sixty days after the date of the confirmation or the first business day after the sixtieth day if the sixtieth day is not a business day. The confirmation may be extended as provided in section 35-910 beyond such sixty day period or 5:00 p.m. on June 30.
- D. Notwithstanding subsection C of this section, a confirmation issued for a project to be funded in part with an urban development action grant to be made under section 119 of the housing and community development act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383; 88 Stat. 633) or a housing development grant to be made under section 301 of the housing and urban-renewal recovery act of 1983 (P.L. 98-181, title III, section 301, 97 Stat. 1196 and amended October 17, 1984, P.L. 98-479, title III, section 103, 98 Stat. 2223) expires and no allocation is deemed to be made unless the applicable bonds have been issued and a certificate of closing and evidence satisfactory to the director of the commitment to make an urban development action grant or a housing development

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grant with respect to such project have been actually filed, not merely postmarked, with the department no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 26.

- E. Subject to the provisions of this section and section 35-909, the confirmation shall assure allocation in the manner prescribed by the code for a dollar amount of bonds or a qualified mortgage credit certificate program not in excess of the amount set forth in the confirmation.
- F. The director shall decline to issue confirmations at such time as the aggregate amount of bonds or mortgage credit certificates allocated under all confirmations previously issued and not expired, together with the proposed issue of bonds or mortgage credit certificates as to which a request has been received, would, through 5:00 p.m. on June 30, exceed the respective aggregate amount allocated under section 35-902, subsection C, D, E, or F OR G for such purpose, and from July 1, exceed the aggregate amount of the state ceiling that is not allocated under an unexpired confirmation nor within the discretion of the director pursuant to section 35-902, subsection B. On expiration of a confirmation or release of an allocation, the director shall issue a confirmation to the next numbered request which is equal to or less than the then available portion of the state ceiling or to the next numbered request if the principal amount of such request is reduced to an amount equal to or less than the then available portion of the state ceiling available for such purpose. The director may only issue a single confirmation for each request.
- G. A confirmation made pursuant to the director's discretion may be accompanied by a certificate executed by the director. The director, on request, shall execute a certificate stating that the confirmation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, gratuity or direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The director may require such oaths or affirmations as the director deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the certificate.
- H. The director shall attempt to issue confirmations within three business days of receipt and shall issue confirmations in the order of receipt of fully and properly completed requests within the limitations of subsection F of this section. The department shall notify the issuer or other contact person listed in the request in writing, by telefacsimile or by telephone of the issuance of a confirmation. The department is not responsible for returning confirmations to the filing party. A confirmation shall be available for pickup at the department after issuance of the confirmation.
- Sec. 4. Section 35-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of this act, is amended to read:

35-904. Obtaining and issuing confirmations

A. Subject to section 35-905, a confirmation allocating a portion of the state ceiling to a project must be obtained before the sale or issuance of bonds or mortgage credit certificates by the issuer. A confirmation may be obtained by filing with the department a request and filing with the department evidence of an inducement resolution or other official action

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taken by the issuer in connection with the project. Requests filed by mail are deemed to be filed with the department at 5:00 p.m. on the day the request is actually received at the department. All requests received on the same date and at the same time shall be dated and numbered by lot and confirmations to those requests shall be issued in the order determined by lot.

- B. On and after the first business day of each year, a request may be prepared and filed by the issuer or on behalf of the issuer by bond counsel or any other interested person.
- C. Except as provided in section 35-902, subsection 1— H, section 35-909 and subsection D of this section, a confirmation issued before 5:00 p.m. on June 30 expires and no allocation is deemed to be made unless the applicable bonds have been issued or a qualified mortgage credit certificate program has been established and a certificate of closing has been actually filed, not merely postmarked, with the department no later than sixty days after the date of the confirmation or the first business day after the sixtieth day if the sixtieth day is not a business day. The confirmation may be extended as provided in section 35-910 beyond such sixty day period or 5:00 p.m. on June 30.
- D. Notwithstanding subsection C of this section, a confirmation issued for a project to be funded in part with an urban development action grant to be made under section 119 of the housing and community development act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383; 88 Stat. 633) or a housing development grant to be made under section 301 of the housing and urban-renewal recovery act of 1983 (P.L. 98-181, title III, section 301, 97 Stat. 1196 and amended October 17, 1984, P.L. 98-479, title III, section 103, 98 Stat. 2223) expires and no allocation is deemed to be made unless the applicable bonds have been issued and a certificate of closing and evidence satisfactory to the director of the commitment to make an urban development action grant or a housing development grant with respect to such project have been actually filed, not merely postmarked, with the department no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 26.
- E. Subject to the provisions of this section and section 35-909, the confirmation shall assure allocation in the manner prescribed by the code for a dollar amount of bonds or a qualified mortgage credit certificate program not in excess of the amount set forth in the confirmation.
- F. The director shall decline to issue confirmations at such time as the aggregate amount of bonds or mortgage credit certificates allocated under all confirmations previously issued and not expired, together with the proposed issue of bonds or mortgage credit certificates as to which a request has been received, would, through 5:00 p.m. on June 30, exceed the respective aggregate amount allocated under section 35-902, subsection C, D, E, OR F or G for such purpose, and from July 1, exceed the aggregate amount of the state ceiling that is not allocated under an unexpired confirmation nor within the discretion of the director pursuant to section 35-902, subsection B. On expiration of a confirmation or release of an allocation, the director shall issue a confirmation to the next numbered request which is equal to or

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 less than the then available portion of the state ceiling or to the next numbered request if the principal amount of such request is reduced to an amount equal to or less than the then available portion of the state ceiling available for such purpose. The director may only issue a single confirmation for each request.

- G. A confirmation made pursuant to the director's discretion may be accompanied by a certificate executed by the director. The director, on request, shall execute a certificate stating that the confirmation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, gratuity or direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The director may require such oaths or affirmations as the director deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the certificate.
- H. The director shall attempt to issue confirmations within three business days of receipt and shall issue confirmations in the order of receipt of fully and properly completed requests within the limitations of subsection F of this section. The department shall notify the issuer or other contact person listed in the request in writing, by telefacsimile or by telephone of the issuance of a confirmation. The department is not responsible for returning confirmations to the filing party. A confirmation shall be available for pickup at the department after issuance of the confirmation.
 - Sec. 5. Section 35-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 35-905. <u>Restrictions on confirmations</u>
- A. Before April 1 of each year, seventy per cent of the allocation to manufacturing projects described in section 35-902, subsection E F is reserved for manufacturing projects located in nonurban areas, and the remaining thirty per cent of the allocation to manufacturing projects described in section 35-902, subsection E F shall be reserved for urban areas. Before July 1 of each year, seventy per cent of the allocation available for confirmation pursuant to the director's discretion as described in section 35-902, subsection B is reserved for projects located in nonurban areas, and the remaining thirty per cent of the allocation to the director's discretion as described in section 35-902, subsection B, shall be reserved for urban areas.
- B. Before December 17, a confirmation shall not be allocated to a project in an amount greater than twenty million dollars, except that this subsection does not apply to any project that is eligible to receive an allocation pursuant to section 35-902, subsection B, C or D E. For purposes of this subsection, the amount of allocation to a project shall also include any other state ceiling allocation received by any related person to the project. For purposes of this subsection "related person" has the same meaning as provided in section 147(a)(2) of the code, except that all references to fifty per cent shall be changed to twenty-five per cent.

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Sec. 6. Section 35-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of this act. is amended to read:

35-905. Restrictions on confirmations

- A. Before April 1 of each year, seventy per cent of the allocation to manufacturing projects described in section 35-902, subsection F E is reserved for manufacturing projects located in nonurban areas, and the remaining thirty per cent of the allocation to manufacturing projects described in section 35-902, subsection F E shall be reserved for urban areas. Before July 1 of each year, seventy per cent of the allocation available for confirmation pursuant to the director's discretion as described in section 35-902, subsection B is reserved for projects located in nonurban areas, and the remaining thirty per cent of the allocation to the director's discretion as described in section 35-902, subsection B, shall be reserved for urban areas.
- B. Before December 17, a confirmation shall not be allocated to a project in an amount greater than twenty million dollars, except that this subsection does not apply to any project that is eligible to receive an allocation pursuant to section 35-902, subsection B, C or E D. For purposes of this subsection, the amount of allocation to a project shall also include any other state ceiling allocation received by any related person to the project. For purposes of this subsection "related person" has the same meaning as provided in section 147(a)(2) of the code, except that all references to fifty per cent shall be changed to twenty-five per cent.

Sec. 7. <u>Study committee on industrial development bond</u> <u>allocations; report</u>

- A. The study committee on industrial development bond allocations is established consisting of the following members:
- 1. Four members of the house of representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party. One of these members shall be from a rural county with a population of not more than six hundred thousand persons.
- 2. Four members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party. One of these members shall be from a rural county with a population of not more than six hundred thousand persons.
- 3. The director of the department of commerce or the director's designee.
- 4. Four members appointed by the president of the senate, three of whom are representatives from the Arizona housing commission and one representative for student loan projects.
- 5. Five members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, four of whom are representatives from a city or county industrial development authority and one representative for manufacturing projects. One of the members representing a city or county industrial development authority shall be from a rural county with a population of less than six hundred thousand persons.

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- B. The study committee shall:
- 1. Review the utilization of private activity bonds for the past five years including applications for and issuance of bonds.
- 2. Assess the projected demand for utilization of private activity bonds in future years and review the process by which prospective users of private activity bonds are selected including the current lottery process.
- 3. Evaluate and make recommendations for future allocations and methods for selecting private activity bond recipients.
- 4. On or before December 1, 2001, submit a written report to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives that includes the recommendations of the study committee. The study committee shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.
- C. Legislative staff, the department of commerce and the governor's agency on housing, if operational, shall provide services to the study committee as the study committee deems necessary. If the governor's agency on housing is not operational, the department of commerce division of housing and infrastructure development shall assist the study committee.

Sec. 8. <u>Effective dates</u>

- A. Section 35-902, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of this act, section 35-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of this act and section 35-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of this act are effective from and after December 31, 2001.
- B. Section 35-902, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of this act, section 35-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of this act and section 35-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of this act are effective from and after December 31, 2003.

Sec. 9. <u>Delayed repeal</u>

Section 7 of this act, relating to the study committee, is repealed on December 31, 2001.

PPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 4, 2001.

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